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HOUSE BILL 41

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPROVEMENT BOARD TO ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH AND ASSESS FEES  
FOR A CLEAN TRANSPORTATION FUELS STANDARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 74-1-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
Chapter 277, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"74-1-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Environmental  
Improvement Act:

A. "board" means the environmental improvement  
board;

B. "carbon intensity" means the quantity of fuel  
lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions per unit of fuel energy,  
expressed in grams of carbon dioxide equivalent per megajoule;

[B.] C. "department" or "environmental improvement

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1 department" means the department of environment;

2 D. "fuel lifecycle" means an assessment of the  
3 aggregate greenhouse gas emissions based on science-based  
4 models or protocols, including direct emissions and significant  
5 indirect emissions from indirect land use change, all stages of  
6 fuel and feedstock production and distribution, feedstock  
7 generation or extraction through the distribution, delivery and  
8 use of the finished fuel by the consumer, including  
9 consideration of storage, transportation and combustion;

10 ~~[E.]~~ E. "on-site liquid waste system" means a  
11 liquid waste system, or part thereof, serving a dwelling,  
12 establishment or group, and using a liquid waste treatment unit  
13 designed to receive liquid waste followed by either a soil  
14 treatment or other type of disposal system. "On-site liquid  
15 waste system" includes holding tanks and privies but does not  
16 include systems or facilities designed to receive or treat mine  
17 or mill tailings or wastes;

18 ~~[D.]~~ F. "person" means the state or any agency,  
19 institution or political subdivision thereof, any public or  
20 private corporation, individual, partnership, association or  
21 other entity and includes any officer or governing or managing  
22 body of any political subdivision or public or private  
23 corporation;

24 ~~[E.]~~ G. "residential on-site liquid waste system"  
25 means an on-site liquid waste system serving up to four

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1 dwelling units; [~~and~~

2 ~~F.] H.~~ "secretary" means the secretary of  
3 environment; and

4 I. "transportation fuel" means electricity or a  
5 liquid, gaseous or blended fuel, including gasoline, diesel,  
6 liquefied petroleum gas, natural gas, hydrogen and electricity  
7 sold, supplied, used or offered for sale to power vehicles or  
8 equipment for the purposes of transportation."

9 SECTION 2. Section 74-1-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
10 Chapter 277, Section 10, as amended by Laws 2000, Chapter 86,  
11 Section 1 and also by Laws 2000, Chapter 96, Section 1) is  
12 amended to read:

13 "74-1-7. DEPARTMENT--DUTIES.--

14 A. The department is responsible for environmental  
15 management and consumer protection programs. In that respect,  
16 the department shall maintain, develop and enforce rules and  
17 standards in the following areas:

18 (1) food protection;

19 (2) water supply, including implementing a  
20 capacity development program to assist water systems in  
21 acquiring and maintaining technical, managerial and financial  
22 capacity in accordance with Section 1420 of the federal Safe  
23 Drinking Water Act of 1974 and establishing administrative  
24 penalties for enforcement;

25 (3) liquid waste, including exclusive

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1 authority to collect on-site liquid waste system fees that are  
2 no more than the average charged by the contiguous states to  
3 New Mexico for similar permits and services and to implement  
4 and administer an inspection and permitting program for on-site  
5 liquid waste systems;

6 (4) air quality management as provided in the  
7 Air Quality Control Act;

8 (5) radiation control and collection of  
9 license, registration and other related fees as provided in the  
10 Radiation Protection Act;

11 (6) noise control;

12 (7) nuisance abatement;

13 (8) vector control;

14 (9) occupational health and safety as provided  
15 in the Occupational Health and Safety Act;

16 (10) sanitation of public swimming pools and  
17 public baths;

18 (11) plumbing, drainage, ventilation and  
19 sanitation of public buildings in the interest of public  
20 health;

21 (12) medical radiation, health and safety  
22 certification and standards for radiologic technologists as  
23 provided in the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health  
24 and Safety Act;

25 (13) hazardous wastes and underground storage

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1 tanks as provided in the Hazardous Waste Act; ~~and~~

2 (14) solid waste as provided in the Solid  
3 Waste Act; and

4 (15) carbon intensity of transportation fuels  
5 as provided in Section 4 of this 2024 act, including  
6 registration and related fees.

7 B. Nothing in Subsection A of this section imposes  
8 requirements for the approval of subdivision plats in addition  
9 to those required elsewhere by law. Nothing in Subsection A of  
10 this section preempts the authority of any political  
11 subdivision to approve subdivision plats."

12 SECTION 3. Section 74-1-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
13 Chapter 277, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "74-1-8. BOARD--DUTIES.--

15 A. The board is responsible for environmental  
16 management and consumer protection. In that respect, the board  
17 shall promulgate rules and standards in the following areas:

18 (1) food protection;

19 (2) water supply, including a capacity  
20 development program to assist water systems in acquiring and  
21 maintaining technical, managerial and financial capacity in  
22 accordance with Section 1420 of the federal Safe Drinking Water  
23 Act of 1974 and rules authorizing imposition of administrative  
24 penalties for enforcement;

25 (3) liquid waste, including exclusive

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1 authority to establish on-site liquid waste system fees that  
2 are no more than the average charged by the contiguous states  
3 to New Mexico for similar permits and services and to implement  
4 and administer an inspection and permitting program for on-site  
5 liquid waste systems;

6 (4) air quality management as provided in the  
7 Air Quality Control Act;

8 (5) radiation control and establishment of  
9 license and registration and other related fees not to exceed  
10 fees charged by the United States nuclear regulatory commission  
11 for similar licenses as provided in the Radiation Protection  
12 Act;

13 (6) noise control;

14 (7) nuisance abatement;

15 (8) vector control;

16 (9) occupational health and safety as provided  
17 in the Occupational Health and Safety Act;

18 (10) sanitation of public swimming pools and  
19 public baths;

20 (11) plumbing, drainage, ventilation and  
21 sanitation of public buildings in the interest of public  
22 health;

23 (12) medical radiation, health and safety  
24 certification and standards for radiologic technologists as  
25 provided in the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health

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1 and Safety Act;

2 (13) hazardous wastes and underground storage  
3 tanks as provided in the Hazardous Waste Act; ~~and~~

4 (14) solid waste as provided in the Solid  
5 Waste Act; and

6 (15) carbon intensity of transportation fuels  
7 as provided in Section 4 of this 2024 act.

8 B. Nothing in Subsection A of this section imposes  
9 requirements for the approval of subdivision plats in addition  
10 to those required elsewhere by law. Nothing in Subsection A of  
11 this section preempts the authority of any political  
12 subdivision to approve subdivision plats.

13 C. Administrative penalties collected pursuant to  
14 Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of this section shall be  
15 deposited in the water conservation fund.

16 D. On-site liquid waste system fees shall be  
17 deposited in the environmental health fund.

18 E. Radiation license and registration and other  
19 related fees shall be deposited in the radiation protection  
20 fund."

21 SECTION 4. A new section of the Environmental Improvement  
22 Act is enacted to read:

23 "[NEW MATERIAL] CLEAN FUEL TRANSPORTATION STANDARD  
24 PROGRAM--RULES.--

25 A. The board shall promulgate rules to implement a  
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1 clean fuel transportation standard program no later than July  
2 1, 2026.

3 B. Prior to the board promulgating rules pursuant  
4 to this section, the secretary shall convene an advisory  
5 committee composed of stakeholders from in-state and out-of-  
6 state producers of transportation fuels, transportation fuel  
7 distributors, local governments, utilities, tribal governments,  
8 environmental protection groups, environmental justice groups  
9 and other individuals or entities with relevant expertise to  
10 provide input and periodically review program rules.

11 C. The clean fuel transportation standard program  
12 rules shall:

13 (1) establish a statewide technology-neutral  
14 clean transportation fuel standard based on a schedule for  
15 annually decreasing the carbon intensity of transportation  
16 fuels used in the state;

17 (2) apply the clean transportation fuel  
18 standard to account for the fuel lifecycle in order to reduce  
19 the carbon intensity of transportation fuels used in the state  
20 by at least twenty percent below 2018 carbon intensity levels  
21 by 2030 and at least thirty percent below 2018 carbon intensity  
22 levels by 2040;

23 (3) establish technology-neutral mechanisms  
24 for generating, obtaining, trading, selling and retiring  
25 credits among transportation fuel producers, fuel distributors

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1 and other individuals or entities in the transportation fuel  
2 market, including additional credit opportunities from  
3 activities and projects that support the reduction of  
4 greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation in the  
5 state;

6 (4) establish mechanisms, including  
7 cost-containment measures and credit holding limits to allow  
8 credits to be banked for future compliance periods, to  
9 stabilize and incentivize investment in the transportation fuel  
10 credit market, verify the validity of compliance obligations,  
11 maximize savings and limit consumer costs, ensure program  
12 compliance, trade credits and allow for market participation by  
13 persons who register in the market to facilitate credit  
14 generation;

15 (5) require participating utilities to invest  
16 revenue from the sale of credits, not including the reasonable  
17 administrative program costs presumed to be prudent, into  
18 infrastructure projects that support transportation  
19 decarbonization, including projects to expand transportation  
20 electrification consistent with Section 62-8-12 NMSA 1978;

21 (6) consider similar programs in other  
22 jurisdictions, allow for coordination with other jurisdictions  
23 to promote regional reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and  
24 allow market participants to generate credits under any  
25 overlapping current and future federal transportation fuel

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1 regulations;

2 (7) not discriminate against fuels solely on  
3 the basis of having originated in another state or  
4 jurisdiction;

5 (8) establish a periodic review process that  
6 includes input from the advisory committee convened pursuant to  
7 Subsection B of this section to provide input on program rules  
8 and performance and determine potential adjustments if deemed  
9 necessary after review, including the superseding of the state  
10 program by federal legislation;

11 (9) allow for a deferral of the program based  
12 on emergency or forecasted conditions; and

13 (10) establish fees for the cost of the  
14 department's administration and enforcement of the program;  
15 provided that any fees are deposited in the state air quality  
16 permit fund."